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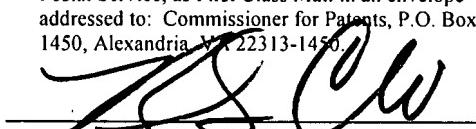
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action of August 22, 2007. Accompanying this Amendment is a Power of Attorney from George Frey appointing the Practitioners associated with customer number 27717 to prosecute the present application. An assignment from Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc., to owner-of-interest George Frey was previously filed.

In response to the Office Action, please enter this Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.